

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2006

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Commissioner Charles McCoy, District 3

Staff Contact Person: Celeste Bruno

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Resolve the location of Children's Memorial Tree Garden/ Passive Park in the Upper Keys.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Mr. Howard Gelbman is seeking to place a Children's Memorial Tree Garden within a Passive Park in the Upper Keys. The BOCC approved the Children's Memorial Tree Garden which would require ¼ acre of land. Mr. Gelbman would like the garden to be placed in a passive park but was unable to locate one in the Upper Keys. Jose Papa, Monroe County Planning Department, was tasked with assisting Mr. Gelbman in locating an appropriate site for a passive park which would also house the small Children's Memorial Garden. Several areas have been suggested as the location including MM 100.5, MM103.6 and three locations within established park areas: Garden Cove, KL Community Park, and Friendship Park (Hibiscus Park). A conceptual plan was created for Garden Cove. The areas within existing parks were deemed inappropriate by Mr. Gelbman for the garden for several reasons including the noise/activity of the already existing park, mosquitoes, and that Garden Cove, in particular, has an area under water during high tide. A scarified lot is not an option in that the trees and much of the greenery for the garden would have to be purchased. The site at MM103.6 in Anglers' Park caused a significant number of residents to express their displeasure at the idea of altering the natural hammock in any way. Thanks to Mr. Gelbman's efforts, FIU School of Architecture's services for creating the design for the park/garden will be pro-bono.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: At the February 16, 2005 Regular BOCC Meeting the Board passed a motion directing Mr. Jose Papa from Monroe County Planning to work with Mr. Gelbman to locate a site for the Children's Memorial Tree Garden that "does not have the difficulties of the property in question." (referring to MM 100.5, Key Largo). At the August 17, 2005 Regular BOCC meeting, the Board directed staff to seek funding for the construction and implementation of the park. The Board authorized staff to move forward with Site #1 and #2 (MM103.6). At the November 16, 2005 Regular BOCC Meeting in Key Largo, the Board instructed Staff to again work with Mr. Gelbman to locate a site for the garden.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: N/A

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

(Charles "Sonny" McCoy)

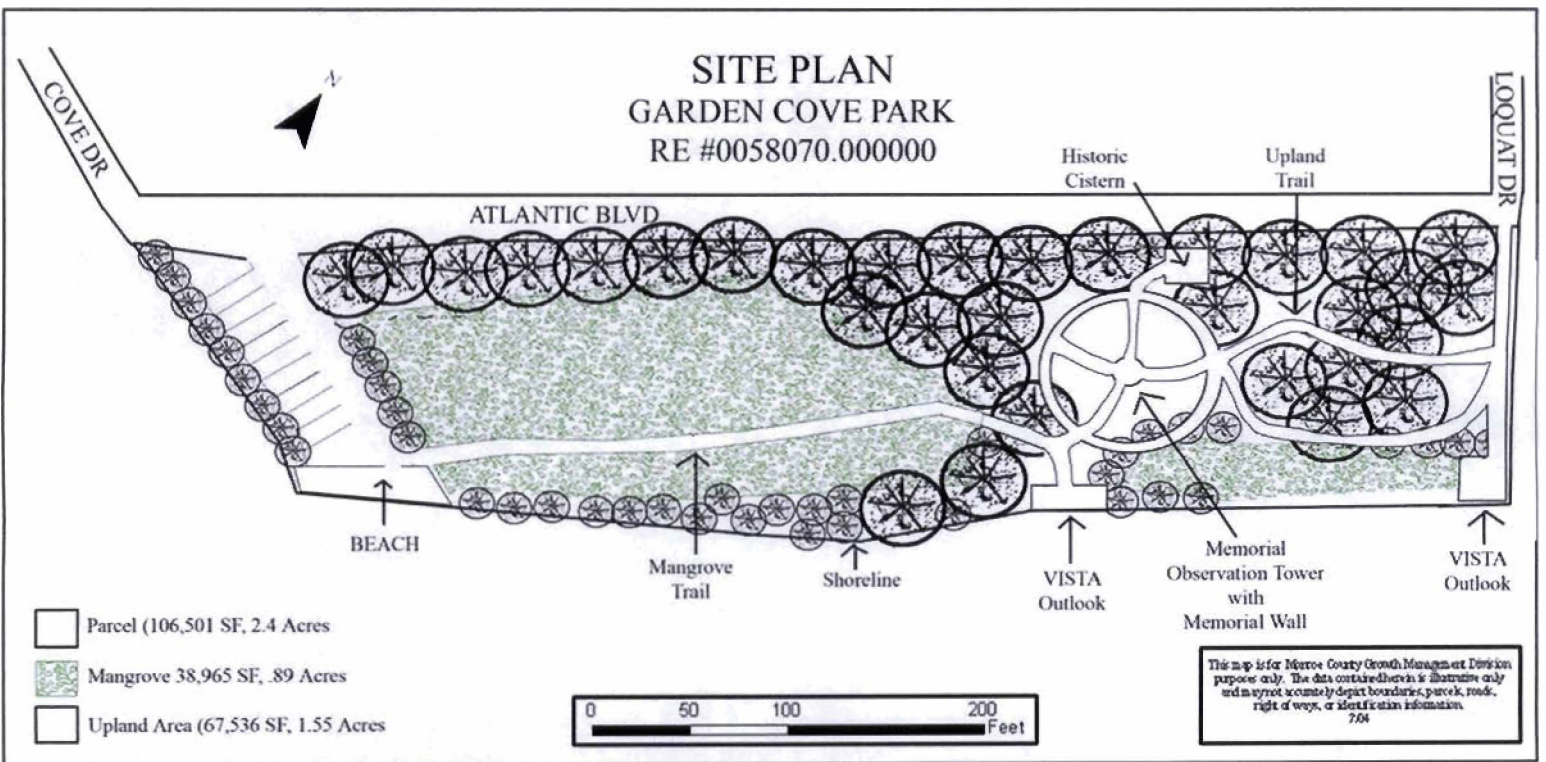
DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒

Not Required ☐

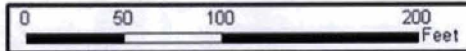
DISPOSITION: _____

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SITE PLAN **GARDEN COVE PARK** RE #0058070.000000



- Parcel (106,501 SF, 2.4 Acres)
- Mangrove 38,965 SF, .89 Acres
- Upland Area (67,536 SF, 1.55 Acres)



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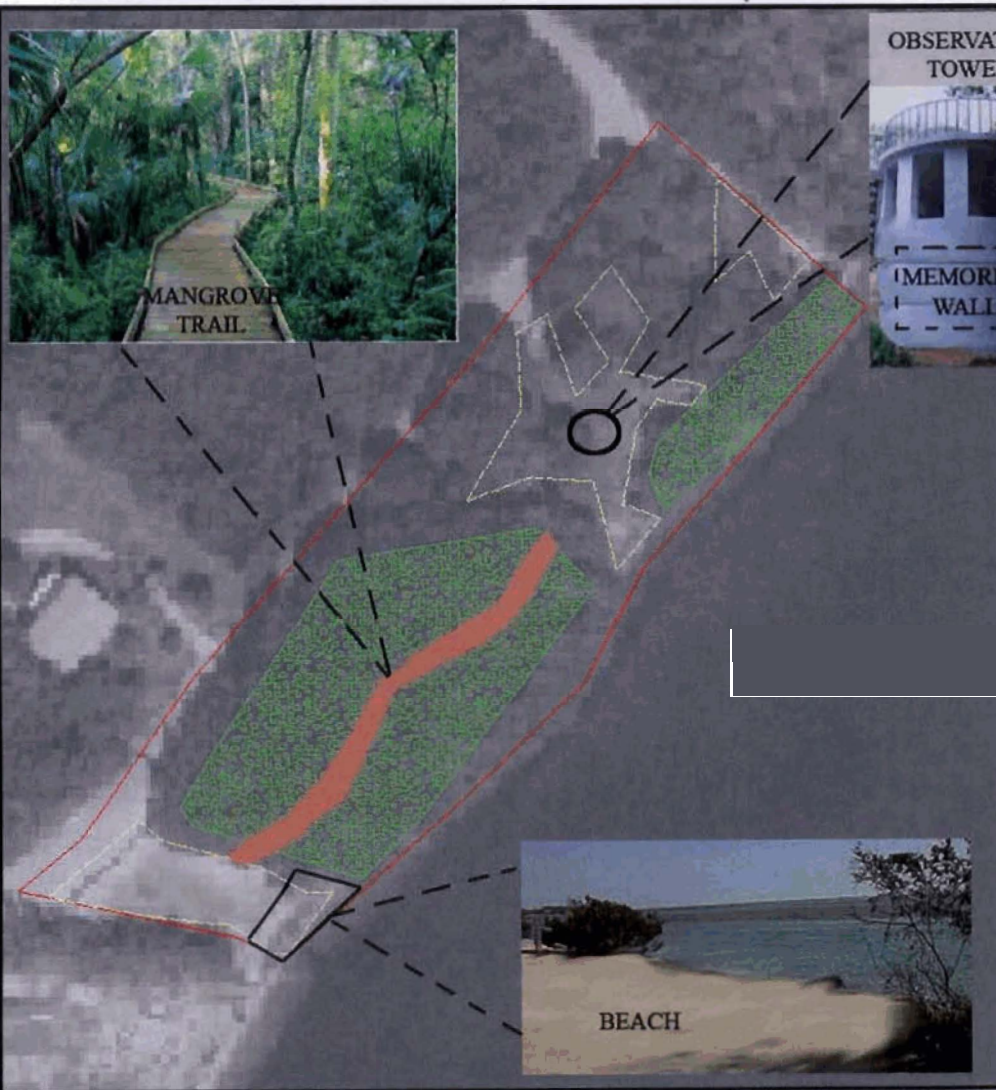
Garden Cove Park (RE 0058070.000000) Conceptual Plan



OBSERVATION TOWER



0 50 100 200 Feet



- Parcel (106,501 SF, 2.4 Acres)
- Mangrove (38,965 SF, .89 Acres)
- Cleared Area North (2,110 SF, .05 Acres)
- Cleared Area Center (10,318 SF, .24 Acres)
- Cleared Area South (7,014 SF, .16 Acres)

2003 Aerial Photos



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